

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS**

1. Claims 1-12 are pending in the application and stand rejected. Applicant is grateful for the indication that claims 8 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of base claim 1 and (for claim 10) intervening claim 9. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicant requests reexamination of the application and reconsideration of the rejection of the unallowed claims.

2. Rejection under §112. Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion to recite that the light pivots directly with in response to the pull of gravity as the vehicle leans without the need for sensors, solenoids or gyroscopes.

Applicant has also amended claim 1 to recite that the light is mounted on the attachment bracket and that the connector is attached to the vehicle. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 8 has been amended. It has been placed in independent form and includes the changes in claim 1 regarding the light and attachment bracket. Applicant respectfully requests that this claim be allowed.

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3. Rejection under §102b. Claims 1 and 9 stand rejected over Tajima (Japanese Patent document JP 62096148). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Tajima appears to show a motorcycle vertical cutoff light which is indirectly adjusted in response to lean of a motorcycle by use of a gyroscope meter 7. Claim 1, as amended, recites a light which pivots in response to the pull of gravity as the vehicle leans without the use of a gyroscope. This element is clearly not taught or suggested in Tajima.

Claim 9 depends from independent claim 1 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

4. Rejection under §103a. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 12 stand rejected over Tajima in view of Funabashi (US Patent 4,356,536). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 2, 3, 5, and 12 are dependent from claim 1 which was allowable over Tajima for the reasons discussed above. Nothing in Funabashi teaches or suggests a light which pivots in response to the pull of gravity as the vehicle leans without the use of sensors, solenoids or gyroscopes. Rather, Funabashi shows a light which can optionally be pivoted in response to an operator's use of an adjustment knob. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 6 stand rejected over Tajima in view of Funabashi, and further in view of Carlson (US Patent 1,543,150). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

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Claims 4 and 6 depend from claim 1, which was allowable over Tajima and Funabashi for the reasons discussed above. Nothing in Tajima or Funabashi teaches or suggests a light which pivots in response to the pull of gravity as the vehicle leans without the use of sensors, solenoids or gyroscopes. Further, these elements are not taught or suggested in Carlson. Carlson discloses a light assembly which is adjustable in response to rotation of a steering wheel. Hence, Carlson does not cure the material deficiencies of Tajima and Funabashi. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.


Claim 11 stands rejected over Tajima alone. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claim 11 depends from claim 1 which was allowable over Tajima for the reasons discussed above. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of the claims and allowance of the application.

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